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FAMILY DAY FUN - Sprinkles the Clown cleverly crafted an endless supply of balloon art for the younger set at Family Day activities at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Feb. 18.

Mayor optimistic as two acute care beds open in hospital

Collective effort to recruit nursing staff

CLARE GAUVREAU
Staff Writer

Mayor Parrish Tung announced last week that ongoing negotiations with Alberta Health Services (AHS) has resulted in the re-opening of two of the 12 available acute care beds at the Elk Point Health Centre.

Tung said "a collective effort from our hospital staff" is the reason behind the two beds now being open. Describing it as good news for the community, Tung said hopefully the level of concern regarding the future of the local health centre will "calm down a bit."

Some confusion earlier this month resulted in a premature announcement that two acute care beds had opened during the first week of February. In fact, AHS had authorized the opening of two observation beds that would allow local doctors to place patients in the beds for a 12-hour period only for observation. If hospitalization was required, they were to send them to other facilities for treatment.

Nursing shortages at the facility led to the closing of all acute care beds in late November. The staff shortage also temporarily impacted emergency services with the emergency room only operating during the day shift during the Christmas week. Emergency services have

since returned to full 24-hour availability.

"We are doing the best we can to handle a difficult situation," the mayor said of the ongoing staff shortage, adding it is imperative a collective effort be made to recruit staff for the facility. He is optimistic more acute care beds will open within the next two months.

"It's an indication we are moving in the right direction in the short-term but in the long-term the community is working very diligently in the recruitment (of staff)," MLA Shayne Saskiw said, noting both the Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul have made a commitment to provide incentives for the recruitment of nurses.

"The shortage of nurses has been an ongoing issue. We feel that as of now that the acute care beds should be re-opened and if there is any type of short-term shortages, Alberta Health Services should provide contract nurses to fill those gaps until long-term solutions are found which, of course, is recruiting nurses there."

Saskiw said nursing shortages are not unique to Elk Point, saying it is an issue across northern Alberta.

"It is absolutely critical that the Elk Point hospital operate at full capacity," he said. "This area is set to boom with the oil and gas industry and, frankly, any

type of closure of acute care beds will simply pass the buck on to either Bonnyville or the St. Paul hospitals and they are already at well over capacity. So it's not only important to Elk Point but it's important to this whole northern region."

On Feb. 12, Bonnyville Town Council voted unanimously to provide a letter of support to the Town of Elk Point after council was presented with a letter from the Elk Point mayor.

Tung asked for Bonnyville's support to keep Elk Point's health centre fully operational.

"The northeast area petroleum industrial is continuing to grow and with the projects that have recently been announced for the next few years, the demand for medical services will continue to rise," Tung wrote in his request for support to Bonnyville council.

"I think between the Town and some residents and the MLA they put on enough pressure that the situation seems to be reversing," Bonnyville Mayor Ernie Isley told his council. He stressed the importance of neighbouring communities being able to maintain their hospitals. "The way growth is going on here, our hospital is getting backed up and our emergency is very, very busy and our acute care very often doesn't have beds."

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Huge container travelling on Hwy 36 and Hwy 28

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Alberta Transportation is recommending people travelling between Edmonton and Fort McMurray plan their trip around a "massively huge container" that will slow traffic down, starting on Feb. 26.

The vessel, which weighs as much as 290 pickup trucks and is nearly twice the length of an Olympic-sized pool, will be travelling north during the day at a speed of 25km/hour according to a press release from the province. There will be pilot vehicles in the front and back of the vessel.

The container measures 11.5 metres high, 8.9 metres wide and is 85 metres long. It will pull over to let traffic pass when it can to minimize traffic delays as much as possible.

"Travellers are asked to drive with caution and patience when the Mammoet Canada convoy is on the road. Motorists are reminded that they are required to obey pilot support staff directions," says the release.

The container is travelling to Fort McMurray where it will be installed at a site north of the city. The trip from Edmonton to Fort McMurray will take five days.

The convoy will leave Dacro Industries in Edmonton

at 1 a.m. on Feb. 26 and travel to Hwy 14. At 7 a.m. the container will depart on Hwy 14 east and travel to Hwy 36, where it will then travel to Two Hills.

On Feb. 27 at 7 a.m., the container will leave Two Hills and travel along Hwy 36 and then take Hwy 28 to Radway.

From Radway, the container will leave at 7 a.m. on Feb. 28, heading west on Hwy 28, then north on Hwy 63 to Wandering River.

On March 1, the convoy will leave Wandering River and travel to the Fort McMurray Port of Entry. On March 2, the vessel will finish its trip by travelling

through the City of Fort McMurray on Hwy 63 and is scheduled to reach its destination at about 4 a.m.

RCMP in the Fort McMurray area are reminding motorists to use caution when oversized loads are on the road and to be mindful of oversized loads travelling at reduced speeds. When approaching an oversized load head on, slow down and make sure there is enough clearance while also being mindful of pilot vehicles.

"Be patient as these loads will pull over at various safe locations throughout their travels in order to clear any back log of traffic," says the release.

Save our Medevac meeting tonight

JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

Representatives from the Save our Medevac Services Society will be in St. Paul tonight, speaking to the community about the relocation of medevac services from the Edmonton City Centre Airport to the International Airport.

The Feb. 26 meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

Dr. Kerry Pawluski, who is a family physician in Edmonton and also works as a hospitalist at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, is part of the Save our Medevac Society and has seen firsthand the benefits of the current medevac

services. He will be in St. Paul for the meeting and believes St. Paul is a community that very much understands the importance of transferring patients to specialized care quickly.

Pawluski expects the presentation in St. Paul could be an emotional one because of recent traumatic events. It's a community that's very aware of what can happen when there are delays, he says.

Save our Medevac has already done a number of presentations across northern Alberta, which is where residents will be most affected by the relocation of medevac services.

"The presentations

that we've done so far have been well attended," says Pawluski, who speaks very passionately about the many issues involved with the relocation, such as the province putting more pressure on STARS for emergency transportation of patients.

"STARS is not the solution," says Pawluski. He adds that a lot of MLAs have "no clue" how the system works and the effects the relocation will have, despite hundreds of emails being sent by Albertans to the province.

Save our Medevac is hoping to convince the province to delay the relocation of medevac services until a solution that would offer simi-

lar transfer times can be found, as opposed to the increased transfer times that could be experienced with the relocation to the International Airport.

Also on Feb. 26, Minister of Health, Fred Horne and Minister of Municipal Affairs Doug Griffiths will be hosting a tele-town hall regarding the relocation of medevac, according to information received from the province.

The town hall will be moderated by Minister Frank Oberle.

The public is invited to call in to participate. The town hall starts at 6 p.m. and inbound participants can dial in at 1-877-229-8493 and when asked for a passcode, use 111468.



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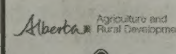
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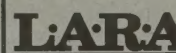
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Community Choir dressing for dinner theatre

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Elk Point Community Choir and Friends are getting all dressed up in eager anticipation of their upcoming run of six dinner theatre presentations that will hit the stage of

his inheritance for a year, but in the meantime, it should be a source of steady, reliable income, the five agree.

The first of many abrupt turns in the story comes when the recipient of this unexpected good

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mayhem.

A limited number of tickets are still available for the March 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 performances, and Buryn says there are still a good selection of seats available for opening night, Friday, March 8. Call the choir's ticket hotline at (780) 227-1420 or email elkpointchoir@hotmail.ca while they last.



Vicki Brooker photo

Director Dixie Coleman demonstrates the correct arm position for the end of a number the cast of "Way Out West - in a Dress".

the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on three weekends, beginning March 8.

"Way Out West... In a Dress" stars many favourite performers from earlier years, along with a few newcomers, and one, new Community Choir president Barb Buryn, who is moving from the piano bench to the stage for the first time to sing, dance and act with the rest of the company.

The story begins when the owner of an out-of-work theatre company inherits his aunt's saloon in the wild-west town of Lucky Lady, Nevada, and decides to take four of his fellow performers along with him. The long, jolting train ride takes all their cash, and the five are looking forward to starting a new career as bartenders, hostess and barmaids. He can't sell

fortune discovers it is not the saloon he has inherited at all, but the beauty

after trunk of theatre costumes, wigs and makeup, you and your fellow actor have a bit of a flair



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That's four shots, the hand of director Dixie Coleman indicates for the saloon girls in "Way Out West - in a Dress."

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- Blood alcohol levels over 0.05 in Canada put drivers at risk. In some countries, the level tolerated is 0.02. These countries include China and Sweden. In Japan, the limit is 0.03.
- You have to be cautious when reading statistics. If you read a headline that says "25% reduction in risk of death" with (some particular drug), it can be misleading. If risk of death without the drug is 4 in 1000, and with the drug it is 3 in 1000, that is a 25% reduction but in reality not quite as dramatic.
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EDITORIAL

Family friendly

Elk Point has come a long way over the years, in terms of becoming a family friendly community. The arena has been a hub of the community for decades, but now there is an increasing emphasis on getting everyone in on the fun, not just hockey players and figure skaters.

The Arts and Leisure Centre is also proving to be a place the whole community can enjoy on Family Day Monday it was jam-packed with children having a riotous good time and running off some energy while their parents visited. The Family Day event, like the Ukrainian Dance Club's Halloween Frolic and the 4-H Club's country fair, shows that this is truly a facility for all ages.

The water spray park, currently half hidden in snowdrifts, and the school and community playgrounds also are a testament to the community's commitment to providing a family-friendly environment.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Beaver River, bargaining, community builders

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of Feb. 26 in...

1988

John Dahmer announced his intention to seek the nomination for Progressive Conservative candidate in the federal electoral district of Beaver River. Twelve graduates of Lakeland College's Basic Management course completed a full year of classes and received their diplomas after more than 300 hours of classroom lectures.

1993

St. Paul County School Board voted unanimously to leave the North Central East Alberta School Authorities Association bargaining unit and invited Glen Avon, St. Paul 2228 and Regional High School boards to join them in making up a St. Paul bargaining unit for upcoming teachers' salary negotiations. New Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Louise Crane said the first step toward increasing interest in the chamber was to define its role in the community.

1998

With the previous Westmin Challenge Trophy filled to capacity in eight years by the super-active seniors of the Alberta Senior Citizens Sports and Recreation Association Zone 7, Norcen Energy's Kevin Casper presented the ASCSRA president Elsie Rybak with a brand new trophy for upcoming winners. Young talent exploded in a big way at Talent Explosion, with Candace Czuroski of Glendon and Shane Rebryna of St. Paul the big winners.

2003

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce recognized achievements at their annual meeting, with the chamber's Award of Excellence going to longtime businessman Doug McPherson and the Community Builders award to the Elk Point Oilmen's Association. Figure skater Daylan Hoffman won gold at provincials and was off to the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick.



GUEST COLUMN

Bombarded with negativity

Lately, it just seems whenever we turn on the television news or read the newspaper, we seem to be bombarded with negativity. Something has gone wrong and it is someone's fault. How do we deal with all this negativity? Are we becoming more negative in our attitude because of what we see and hear? Elisabeth Kubler-Ross said: "Negativity can only feed on negativity." Shirley MacLaine also made an interesting comment about negativity. She said: "Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power."

Basically, when people become so entrenched in the bad things there isn't any room for good things to grow. They inhabit their families, social circles and people they work with. It can be emotionally draining just being around them because their attitudes are contagious. Negativity perpetuates itself, breeds dissatisfaction and clutters the mind. And when the mind is cluttered with negativity, happiness is much harder to come by.

How do we deal with negativity? The following are ten possible ways to defend one's self against negativity:

Don't take other people's negativity personally. Most negative people behave negatively not just to you, but to everyone they interact with. What they say and do is a projection of their own reality - their own attitude. Even when a situation seems personal - even if someone insults you directly - it oftentimes has nothing to do with you.

Spend more time with positive people. If you are around cynical and negative people all the time, you will become cynical and negative.

Be the positivity you want to see in the world. Lead by example. You can't always save the world, but you can make the world a better place by practicing what you preach - by becoming self-aware, tapping into your compassion, and protecting your positive space.

Change the way you think. The one thing nobody



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can take away from you is the way you choose to respond to what others say and do. The problem isn't the events that are negative. Complaining, blaming and criticizing aren't going to change the situation.

Focus on solutions. Negative people have an endless supply of pity party invitations. Don't RSVP. Oftentimes people use negativity as a barrier to protect themselves from the world, which in turn blocks them from solutions that could improve their life. Instead, identify solutions. Don't dwell too much on what went wrong. Instead, focus on the next positive step: Spend your energy on moving forward toward a positive resolution.

Love whoever is around to be loved. Practice acts of kindness. It's a lot harder to be negative when you're in the presence of love and kindness.

Provide support when it makes sense. Some people complain as a way of crying for help. They may not be conscious of it though, so their comments come across as negative complaints rather than requests. Show some concern. Just a simple "Are you okay?" or "Is there anything I can do to help you?" can do wonders. Resist the urge to judge or assume.

Realize that life is a series of ups and downs. Acknowledge the negativity, accept it, and let it pass through your consciousness, thereby teaching you a lesson but not ruining your day. Accept it as a part of the human learning experience.

Concentrate on today. Too often, we carry around things from our past that hurt us - regrets, shame, anger, pain, etc. Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. Don't let these negative points from the past rob your present happiness.

Let go and move on when you must. If all else fails, remove yourself from the wrong situations and relationships.

May we all make room for a positive day.

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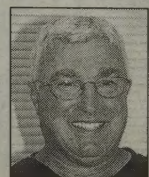
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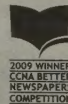


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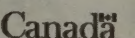
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Province announces increased billion dollar deficit

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Last week, the Alberta Government announced that based on results from the first nine months of the fiscal year, the province is forecasting a deficit of between \$3.5 and \$4 billion for 2012-13, due in part to "a multi-billion drop in non-renewable resource revenue," according to a government press release.

Following the third quarter fiscal update and economic statement being released, Alberta's official opposition, the Wildrose, immediately responded to the increased deficit projections.

Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Wildrose MLA Shayne Saskiw says "it seems that the pre-election budget by the PC government mislead Albertans on both revenue and expenses," and being in such a deficit position demonstrates a lack of fiscal competence, even after having near record revenue for the last five years.

He adds that other provinces, such as Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland, are running balanced budgets and Alberta should be

able to do the same. Saskiw says the price differential for oil is virtually the same now as it was in April during the election and adds that it's scary to think of what would happen if the price of oil really dropped.

Saskiw points to a report from the Fraser Institute that says the province could have saved \$22 billion if it limited spending to inflation plus population growth, while still increasing spending on core services.

The report, Alberta's \$22-Billion Lost Opportunity, "examines the history of Alberta budgets starting in fiscal year 2005/06 up until 2012/13 and concludes that successive Alberta governments failed to control spending and plan for fluctuating resource prices," according to the Fraser Institute website.

Saskiw describes the deficit as being a result of "massive, chronic over-spending" on things such as new MLA offices, carbon capture and \$1 million that was spent on attending the London Olympics.

"It was a big surprise in the sense of how large

"It was a big surprise in the sense of how large the deficit was."

— Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Wildrose MLA
Shayne Saskiw



the deficit was," says Saskiw in response to last week's fiscal update. "This was much larger than we expected."

He says the province's current situation is setting the stage for more debt and believes a possible increase in taxes could be on the horizon. The Wildrose does not support tax increases, he adds.

Saskiw says he has heard from local constituents and many people are confused by the province's financial state.

"The whole boom has been blown," says the MLA, adding, Alberta is a province with "too many bosses and not enough workers."

"We cannot cut frontline staff like nurses, doctors and teachers."

In last week's press

release, the province announced it would be introducing a three-year management salary freeze, effective April 1. The freeze is expected to save \$54 million. The province also announced it would be reducing the number of public sector managers by 10 per cent over the same period.

"Our government is leading by example — with a slimmed down cabinet; an eight per cent MLA pay cut and a pay freeze for MLAs; today we're taking action on management salaries," said President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Finance Doug Horner, in the release.

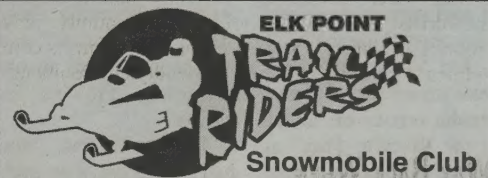
Over the first nine months of the 2012-

13 fiscal year, resource revenue was \$2.4 billion lower than expected.

"This was due to global economic uncertainty, a growing discount on Alberta bitumen prices, a higher exchange rate and lower land lease sales. These factors were partially offset by higher than expected corporate income tax, stronger investment income, and increased revenue from

gaming and liquor sales. Greater revenue also came from a higher demand for motor vehicle licences, agriculture insurance and other fees that are driven by volume," says the release.

Bonnville-Cold Lake Conservative MLA Genia Leskiw did not return local media calls for comment on the fiscal update.



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A public hearing to discuss the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2013 at the Town of Elk Point Council Chambers.

A copy of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw can be obtained at the Town of Elk Point Office, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and noon, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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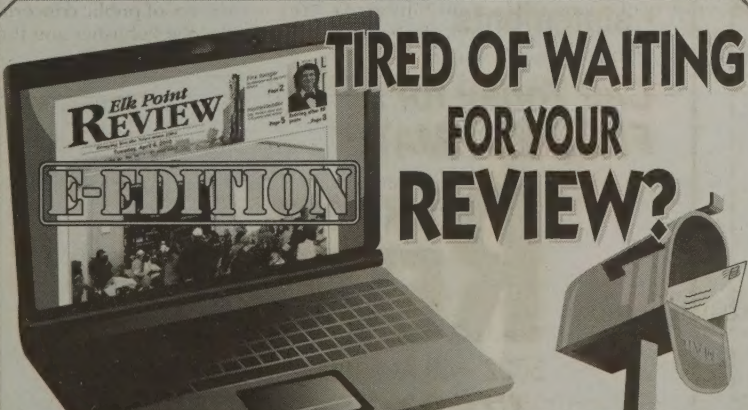
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Gospel jamboree, pie enjoyed at Christian Community Church

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

A near-capacity crowd enjoyed a heartwarming helping of gospel music with a pie auction for dessert on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Elk Point Christian Community Church.

A talented lineup of singers and musicians from the community and beyond joined members of the congregation and the church's music team in providing two hours of soul-stirring songs and instrumental numbers.

Jim Votour and Rick Dees joined forces in an a canella version of "Down to the River to Pray" as well as singing individual numbers, Dees presenting a powerful, re-worded version of Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah'.

"It's a blessing to share the gift of music," John Bennett commented as he took his place at the piano to perform "Jesus, Come to the Lighthouse" and "On the Jericho Road" for the delighted audience.

Ann Robinson also provided instrumental

numbers, playing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" on mandolin and "Just as I Am" on harmonica, both accompanied by Jerry Ahern on guitar.

Morris Irvine was next on the program with "Just as I Am" and "It Takes a Miracle," with Doreen Youngmans accompanying on the organ.

Willie Poitras started off with a beautiful song written by a friend from Arizona, honoring those "Gone On Before" and followed up with an old favourite, "Flowers for Mama."

Rollie Poitras, who had turned down an invitation to another jamboree to attend, was well rewarded with applause for "I Don't Need to Understand" and "When the Saviour Calls."

Music team member Gary Litvany proudly introduced his daughter Shelley, who had gathered up five young ladies from the church's youth group and accompanied them in Ariel's song from "The Little Mermaid,"

before asking the audience to join her in "Count Your Blessings."

Jerry Ahern chose two old-time favourites, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "Will There be Any Stars in my Crown?" for his part in the program.

Vermilion accordionist Irene Wasylik entertained with two more favourites, one of them "Wonder Working Power".

Carl Ramer sang a gospel-flavoured country classic, "Family Bible," before the music team wound up the set with "Oh, How Marvelous" and "How Great Thou Art."

Attention then turned to row after row of pies of every description, from the familiar apple and pumpkin to such exotics as Shoo Fly and pineapple sour cream, as auctioneer Mike Kryzanowski took the microphone to seek out generous bids for each and every one. The popularity of the church women's pies is well known in Elk Point



because of their many

Vicki Brooker photos

Above: Rick Dees and Jerry Ahern team up with Ann Robinson to perform "Just As I Am." Right: Auctioneer Mike Kryzanowski calls for bids while Ed Vogel displays one of the luscious pies on offer.



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Family Day fun packs facilities

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Family Day activities brought countless Elk Point and area families out of the cold to fill two of the community's largest facilities with fun and laughter.

Mayor Parrish Tung arrived at A. G. Ross Arena ready and willing to barbecue burgers outdoors, but after a few

minutes in the bone-chilling wind, decided to move preparations for the town-sponsored lunch indoors to the arena concession. Recreation coordinator Deena Smith, her son Everett and Tung's son Carson were soon on board to assist, and kept the grill sizzling as arriving families enjoyed lunch before tugging on their skates and heading

onto the ice.

All ages, from tots riding on chairs or wobbling their way down the ice on their first venture into the arena, to grandparents discovering that skating is a lifetime skill enjoyed the smooth ice and lively music for close to three hours.

By mid-afternoon, the arena parking lot had emptied as the crowd

moved to the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, for the next round of fun. Two huge bounce castles and a smaller unit equipped with a double slide proved to be an enormous success, with the lineups almost rivaling those on Canada Day. One of the longest lineups led to Sprinkles the Clown, as she created an almost endless sup-

ply of balloon art for the eager youngsters. Parents enjoyed sub sandwiches and catching up with their friends while the children bounced, crawled, climbed and slid with their friends through the remainder of the afternoon.

The recreation coordinator, keeping an eye on the lineup at one of the castles, was delighted to

see the facility filled to near capacity, and said she felt the wind and snow flurries had played a major role in the success of the day's events. "If it had been warm and sunny, we might not have had this many people," Smith said. "This is great."



Skaters of all ages enjoyed free skating at A. G. Ross Arena on Family Day.



Elk Point recreation coordinator Deena Smith, Mayor Parrish Tung and young helpers Everett Smith and Carson Tung kept the grill sizzling as the Town of Elk Point provided a Family Day lunch at the A. G. Ross Arena.



Bounce castles proved to be a huge attraction for delighted children at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Family Day.



Sprinkles the Clown cleverly crafted an endless supply of balloon art for the younger set at Family Day activities at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

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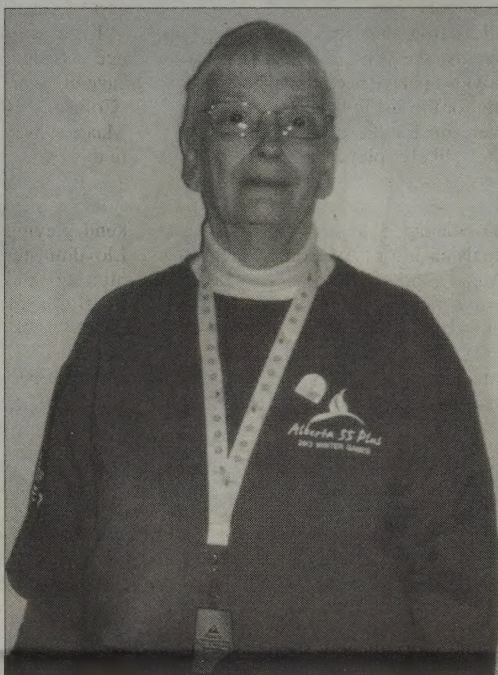
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It was a silver medal performance for the Zone 7 bowling team of Del Smith (Elk Point), Pat Swedgan (Elk Point), Doreen Lafreniere (St. Paul), and Bob Walker (Cold Lake) at the Alberta 55+ Winter Games in Calgary. The team won the medal in the 70+ mixed team bowling event.

Faye Smith returned home from the Alberta 55+ Winter Games with a silver medal in 70+ Ladies Singles Bowling. She represented Zone 7 at the event held Feb. 13 - 16 in Calgary.



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Peewees take on Thorhild in provincial series

Review Sports



Doug Basset

I always found the best way to build a winning team is to have team bonding. There's no better way for team bonding in hockey than to take a road trip on the bus. Load up the guys and their gear, make sure they have their skates, put on some Don Cherry 'Rock 'em, Sock 'em' tapes, play a few tunes and forget about the game until you get off the bus of course.

About the same time you sit down to read this story today the Peewee Avalanche will be on the bus headed off to Thorhild to play in the second game of the two game provincial series. Now, bear with me because this is quite the crazy story. The Avalanche, according to the provincial schedule, were supposed to play Redwater on the Family Day weekend, and in fact they did play them on the Saturday night. The crafty team captain "Awesome Alex" Hunter with two goals, Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras picking up one and the big D Man Nicholas Tucker with one as well. Redwater won this game 5 to 4. Right after the game was over, while the Avs prepared for the return trip, they found out from Hockey Alberta that Redwater

is the host site for the provincial final and isn't actually supposed to play any provincial round robin until the final round. The game was null and void and that's where Thorhild comes into the picture. Thorhild was waiting for the winner of this series, the Avalanche quickly rescheduled and won against the Titans last Tuesday night here in town by 7 to 5.

A super game for the birthday boy Kaiden "K Rock" Evans Anderson who has come a long way from the start of the season, and it showed with the extra effort as he scored two goals. The "Michelin Man" defenseman Parker Allen, who also has stepped up his game, scoring on a slap shot from the point. Another guy who came to play and was doing some aggressive fore and back checking, speedster Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras with one and assisted on another. Dustyn "Dust Pan" Pankiw, Hayden "Hotwheels" Ludlage and the team leader "Awesome Alex" Hunter all on the official score sheet with one each.

So, now off to Thorhild tonight for the second game. If the boys get past Thorhild they will be in the provincial final. The final round against Redwater will determine the zone winner, but both teams will be in the tour-

namment regardless. With a two-goal lead they have a little cushion to play with, but don't forget the second game is in their barn, it's not enough to be too over confident - Let's go Avs!

Now, going back to the Family Day weekend, the Peewees also had their playoffs that weekend against Lloydminster and this was a battle to the bitter end against the top team in the league, a team that only had lost once all season and that was against the Avs. But the boys who have been peaking for the last few weeks, were up for the task and they likely played their best game of the year, winning the first game here on Sunday 5 to 4. Two goals each for "Awesome Alex" and Dust Pan", grinder Cyle Graus and the towering defenseman Nicholas Tucker adding singles, "Warrior Warren" Ference and the "Michelin Man" with the assists.

The next day, Family Day Monday, the boys traveled back to the Border City for the second game with a one goal lead in their pocket and a sparkle in their eyes, that would unfortunately soon turn to tears. A big disappointment for the boys who had worked so hard just to make the playoffs. They never quit but lost a close one, 6 to 4 the score, the Blazers winning the

two game series by one goal. The Avalanche season as far as the league was over.

The Atom A team played here against St. Paul on Saturday in the consolation round of their playoffs, losing this one 4 to 1. I must admit I have seen this team play a lot this year and they didn't play that badly; it was the Canadiens who played much better than I have ever seen before. Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak scoring, "Lightning Liam" Ludlage assisted. Solid in the cage all year, goaltender Colton "B Train" Van Maarion was magnificent in this one.

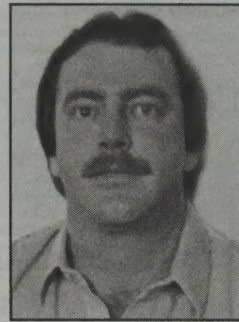
The Atom B team played two home games this past weekend, playing against one Lloydminster team on Saturday and another Lloydminster team on Sunday. Farmhand rookie Luke "Skywalker" Poulin getting a last minute call to fill the roster and helping the cause with a hat trick on Saturday, "Danny Boy" Cardinal with a single, Jenna "Precious" Poitras hustling after the puck and serving up an assist.

They started out very strong in the first half, actually winning the game three to two after the first twenty minutes, down by only a few after two, but eventually fatigue set in on the short bench.

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OBITUARY

YARMUCH, Rod



On February 14, 2013, Mr. Rod Yarmuch of St. Paul passed away at the age of 55 years.

He is survived by his loving mother, Viola Yarmuch of Elk Point; 2 brothers, Dwight (Wendy) of Elk Point & Brian (Cheryl) of St. Paul; niece, Brandi (Kyle) Sakowsky of Elk Point; nephews, Myles & Nathan both of Elk Point; great-nephew, Trystn Sakowsky of Elk Point. He was predeceased by his father, Joseph Yarmuch; & brother, Mitchel Yarmuch.

A Grave Side Service was held on Thursday, February 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point, with Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com. GRACE GARDENS FUNERAL CHAPEL, 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A1, Ph. 780-645-2677.

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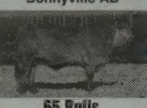
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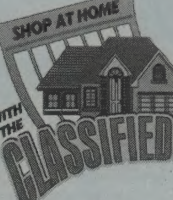
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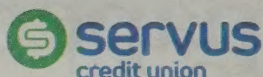
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On Sunday, goaltender "Sexy Slader" Hardcastle stood on his head, he faced 56 shots and turned away a huge majority of them. The team had some excellent scoring opportunities down at the other end, but nothing seemed to go in for them. Erin Duffee was a workhorse, going strong both ways. She had several breakaways but couldn't buy one on this day. Some very noticeable improvement in the skating of "Jorja Girl" Theriault, Colby McQuinn and Mathew Quinney from the start of the season.

Nothing was going to stop our Novice team this past weekend, they steam-rolled right over Glendon

on Saturday and then bombarded Bonnyville on Sunday. Both of the games were played here on our home ice.

A hat trick for "Mic Jager" Fontaine plus three assists on Saturday, "Skywalker" with a hat trick and two assists, Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa with a hat trick and one assist, two goals for Odin "the Wall" Smith plus three assists, two goals each for "Amazing Grace" Peebles and Kobe Warawa. the "Set up lady" Jadey Capjack with a goal and four assists, one goal for Lenae Peebles and one goal for Dean "the Machine" Ockerman. "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal and Rylee "the Rocket" Warawa were also on the score sheet with assists.

On Sunday, more of the same against

Bonnyville, "Skywalker", "Mic" and the "Rocket" with hat tricks, the "Lady", "Bazooka Joe" and the "Wall" with two goals each, the "Machine" with a single and three assists. Goaltender Brady Hymanyk was between the pipes in both games, but had much busier day on Sunday and came up with some outstanding saves.

Over in St. Paul on Saturday in the Timbit Tournament, the Micro Novice also cleaned up; first ransacking the host, who by the way were undefeated up until this point in the season. Hat tricks for "King Kong Konner" Poitras, here comes the "Spiderman" Sam Rogal for two goals, Cash "CC" Capjack cashing in for one and his little sidekick buddy Kade Fontaine with one as well. Hey "Bo Diddley" Fontaine was good for one, and the "little Gaffer" Gavin Kadutski with a goal, plus an assist and he also won the Heart and Hustle award.

The second game they played Bonnyville, coming home with another big win. "King Kong Konner" with a hat trick. Kade Fontaine, "Cyclone Cole" Pierce, "Spiderman," "Bo Diddley" and the little "Gaffer" all scoring two. "St Nic" Penner with a single.

A big happy birthday going out today to one of our former minor hockey goalies, Ben Poulin, who just happens to be an uncle to seven of our present young players, and one of only a few guys I know who has two gold provincial medals to his name, one with the Elk Point Bantam Lighting and one with the Mallaig Midgets.

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